

Touring the USA



Paton
School-wide
Reading Program!



What's it all about?

- Touring the USA is a fun and exciting way to learn about the regions of your country!
- Just pick a place to visit in the USA and jump into a book about that place.
- This book can be non-fiction with facts about the region, poetry, historical fiction, a biography about someone who lived there, or even a picture book.
- Ask your teachers, parents, Mrs. Royer, or someone at the public library to help you select appropriate book titles.



Take a tour with...

Picture books

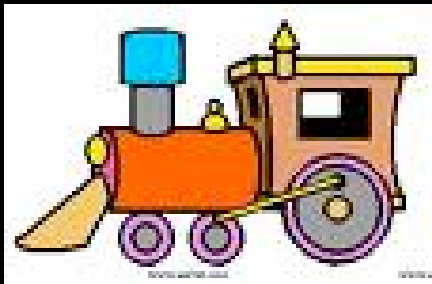
Realistic fiction

biographies



poetry

Non-fiction



Historical fiction



What do I do?



- Read any book about any region
- Record it in your book log
- Bring it to school and get your passport stamped!
- First goal: Try to read a book from each region.
- Ultimate goal: Try to read one from each state within one region!



Regions of the USA!



- ✓ Northeast
- ✓ Mid-Atlantic
- ✓ Upper South
- ✓ Lower South
- ✓ Great Lakes

- ✓ Plains
- ✓ Southwest
- ✓ Mountain
- ✓ Pacific

Region 1: Northeast

States:

- ❖ Massachusetts
- ❖ Connecticut
- ❖ Rhode Island
- ❖ Vermont
- ❖ New Hampshire
- ❖ Maine

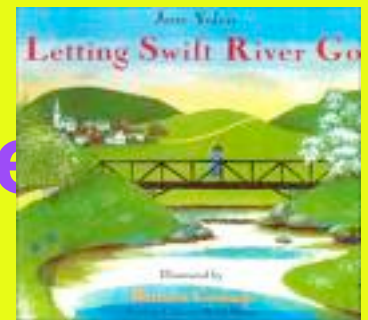


Landmarks in the Northeast





Titles of books from the Northeast



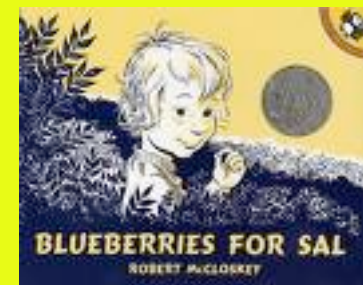
Maine - Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey

Massachusetts - Letting Swift River Go by Jane Yolen

New Hampshire - Miss Hickory by Carolyn Bailey

Connecticut - Windcatcher by Avi

Vermont - Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Martin



Region 2: Mid-Atlantic Region



❖ Pennsylvania



❖ New Jersey



❖ New York

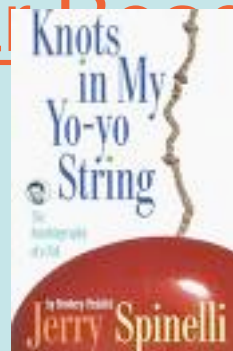
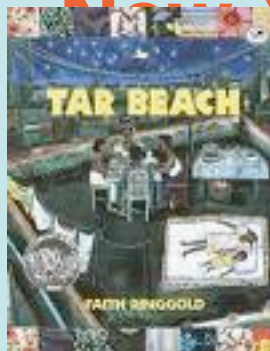


**Book Titles for Mid-Atlantic
Pennsylvania - Knots in My Yo-yo
String**

by Jerry Spinelli

**New Jersey - Battle of Trenton
by Martin McPhillips**

New York - Tar Beach by Faith Ringgold



Region 3: Upper South

Arkansas



Delaware



Kentucky



Maryland



North
Carolina



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Virginia



West
Virginia



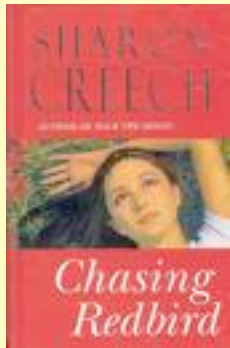
Upper South Landmarks



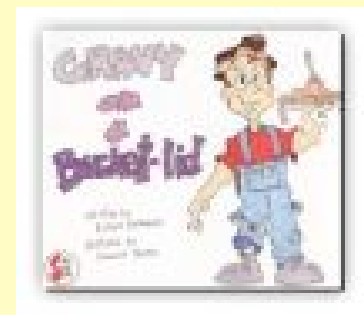
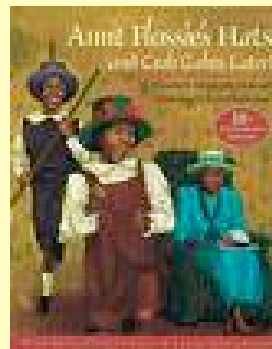
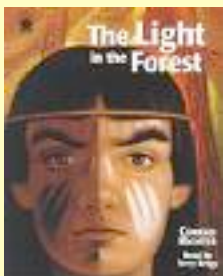
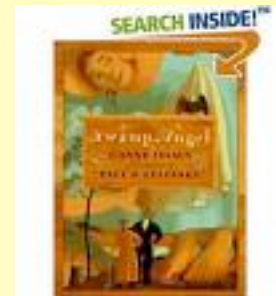
Book Titles from Upper South



- Arkansas - Gravy on a Bucket Lid by Eddie Bowman
- Delaware - A Light in the Forest by Conrad Richter
- Kentucky - Chasing Redbird by Sharon Creech
- Maryland - Aunt Flossie's Hats (and Crab Cakes Later) by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard



- North Carolina - Wright Brothers by Russell Freedman
- Tennessee - Swamp Angel by Anne Isaacs
- Virginia - George Washington's Breakfast by Jean Fritz
- West Virginia - Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor



Region 4: Lower South

Alabama



Florida



Louisiana



Georgia



South Carolina



Mississippi



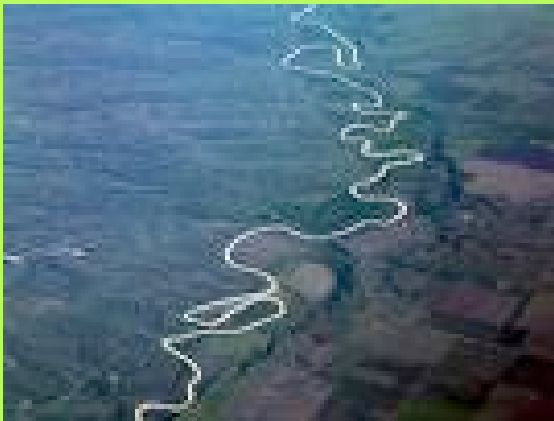
Oklahoma



Texas



Landmarks in the Lower South



Book Titles from Lower South

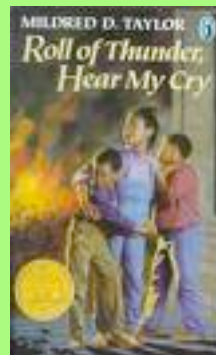
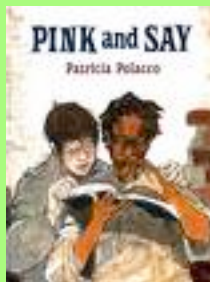
- Alabama – Picture Book of Rosa Parks by David Adler



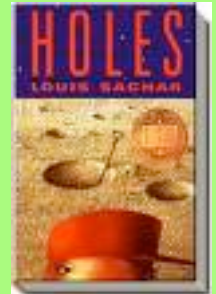
- Florida – Sunken Treasure by Gail Gibbons
- Georgia – Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco
- Mississippi – Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor



- Louisiana – Mama Don't Allow by Thatcher Hurd
- Oklahoma – Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
- South Carolina – Hurricane Mystery



- Texas – Holes by Louis Sachar



Region 5: Great Lakes

- ✓ Illinois
- ✓ Indiana
- ✓ Michigan
- ✓ Minnesota
- ✓ Ohio
- ✓ Wisconsin

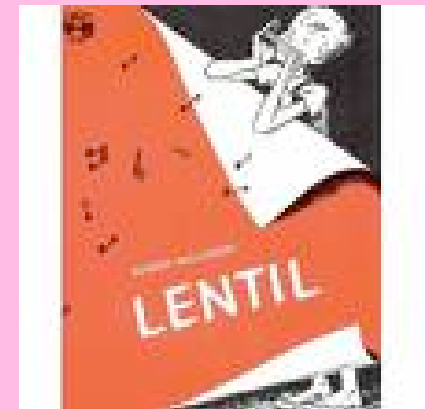
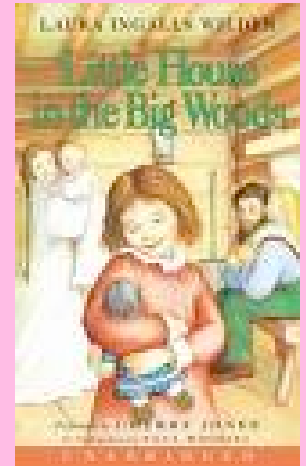
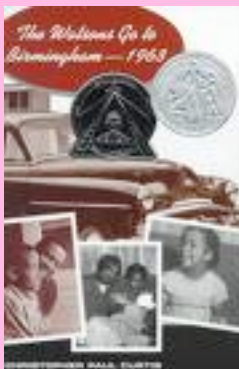
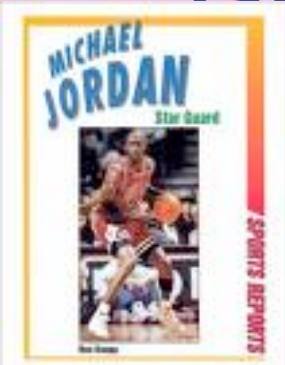


Landmarks in the Great Lakes



Book Titles for Great Lakes

- Illinois - Michael Jordan: Star Guard by Ron Knapp
- Indiana - A Place Called Freedom by Scott Russell Sanders
- Michigan - The Watsons Go to Birmingham by Christopher Paul Curtis
- Minnesota - Tracker by Gary Paulsen
- Ohio - Lentil by Robert McCloskey
- Wisconsin - Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder

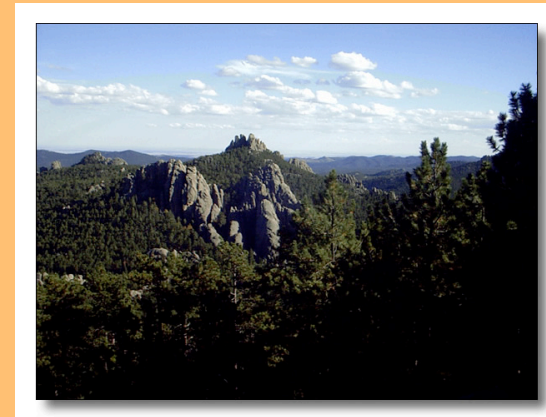


Region 6: Plains

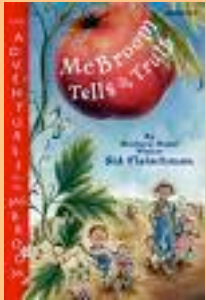
- o Iowa
- o Kansas
- o Missouri
- o Nebraska
- o South Dakota
- o North Dakota



Landmarks of the Plains Region



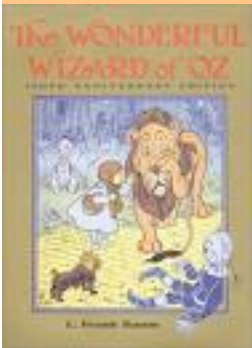
Book Titles for Plains



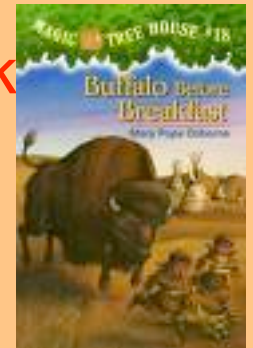
- Iowa: McBroom Tells the Truth by Sid Fleischmann



- Kansas: The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum



- Missouri: Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain



- Nebraska: Night of the Twisters by Ivy Ruckman



- North Dakota: Buffalo Before Breakfast by Mary Pope Osborne



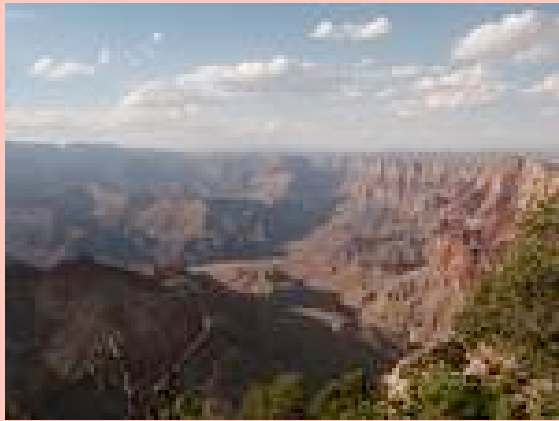
- South Dakota: A Dinosaur Named Sue by Patricia Relf

Region 7: Southwest

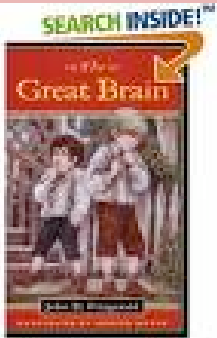
- ❖ Arizona
- ❖ Nevada
- ❖ New Mexico
- ❖ Utah



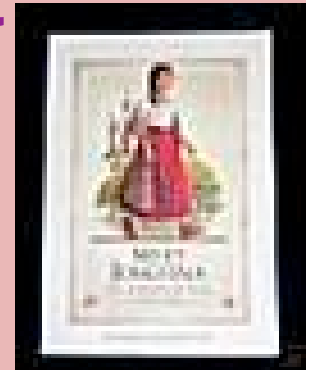
Landmarks of the Southwest



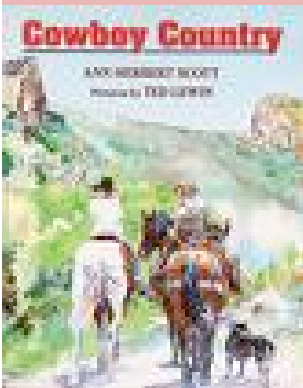
Titles from the Southwest



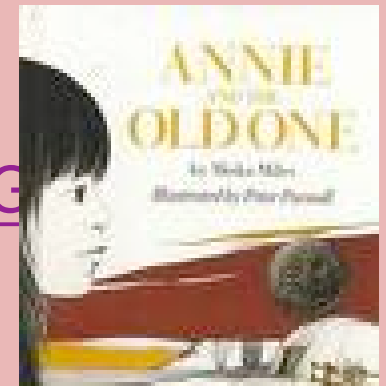
- ❖ Arizona: Annie and the Old One by Miska Miles



- ❖ Nevada: Cowboy Country by Ann Hebert Scott



- ❖ New Mexico: Josephina: An American Girl by Valerie Trip



- ❖ Utah: The Great Brain by John D. Fitzgerald

Region 8: Pacific

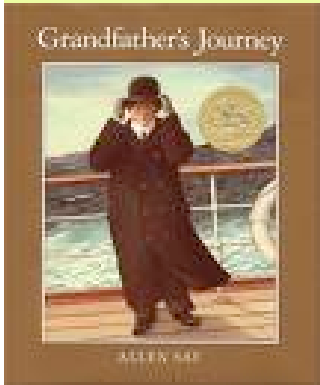
- **Alaska**
- **California**
- **Hawaii**
- **Oregon**
- **Washington**



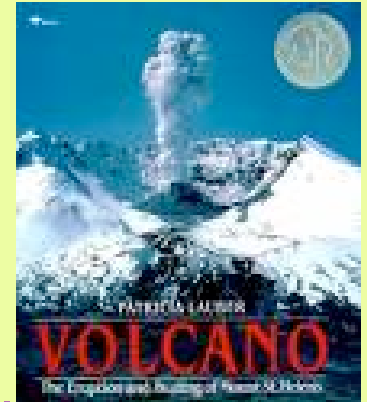
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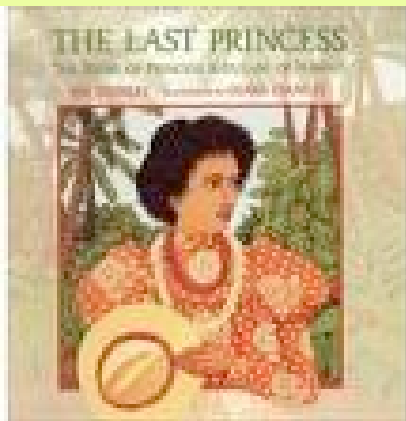
Titles for Pacific Region



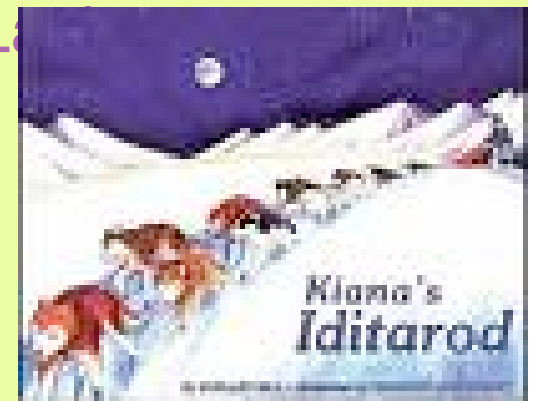
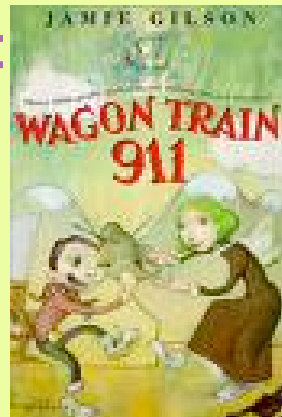
- Alaska: Kiana's Iditarod by Shelley Gill
- California: Grandfather's Journey by Allan Say



- Hawaii: The Last Princess by Fay Stanley
- Oregon: Wagon Train 911 by Jamie Gilson



Washington: _____ by Patricia L. Thomas

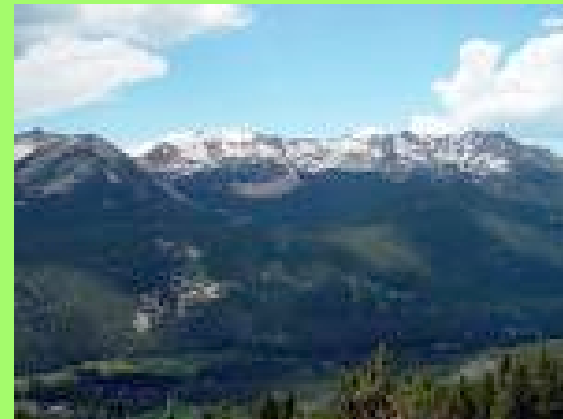


Region 9: Mountain

- ✓ Colorado
- ✓ Idaho
- ✓ Montana
- ✓ Wyoming

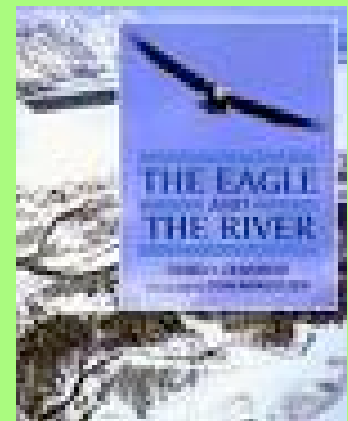
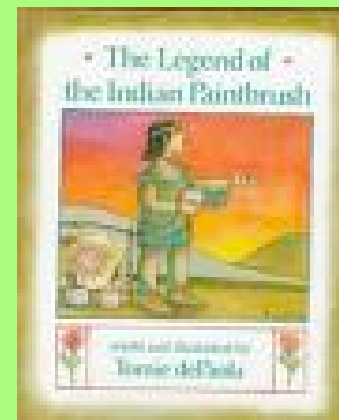
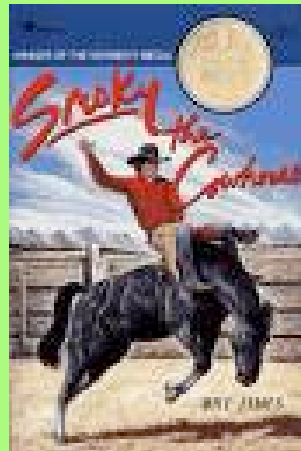
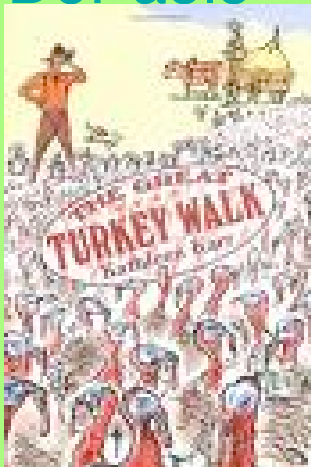


Landmarks of the Mountain Region



Titles for Mountain Region

- ✓ Colorado: The Great Turkey Walk by Kathleen Karr
- ✓ Idaho: The Eagle and the River by Charles Craighead
- ✓ Montana: Smoky, the Cow Horse by Will James
- ✓ Wyoming: Legend of the Indian Paintbrush by Tomie DePaolo



Collect Souvenirs Along the Way!

- ❖ Read a book from each region and collect a pencil.
- ❖ Visit all the states in any three regions and collect an eraser.
- ❖ Tour all the states in any six regions and collect a book mark.
- ❖ Travel to all 50 states and you are eligible to win the secret mystery grand prize!



Get ready, get set...



- Grab your passport
- Choose a region
- Choose a book and.....

**READ, READ, READ,
READ!**

